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NANJAMTHAVALAM ROAD

221. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what has the Government done to the road (നഞ്ചന്താവളംപാത) leading to Moongalmada from the Kunnamgatupathy anicut road;

(*b*) has not the attention of the Government been drawn to the horrible condition of the same several times since three years;

(*c*) had they not promised to look to it every time;

(*d*) do they propose to do anything to make that road tractable for bullock carts at least?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Urgent improvements on the Nanjamthavalampatha are being attended to along with the road maintenance works this year.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The allotments for original and repair works under communication in panchayats are given to each panchayat as lump sums and each panchayat is allowed to distribute the allotment for the various works according to its discretion. No special allotment is reserved in the Budget for taking up other works under this item. In this case the Eruthempathi Panchayat has therefore to attend to the work in question with the allotment given to it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* In the answer to (*d*), last sentence, it is stated "the Eruthempathi Panchayat has therefore to attend to the work in question with the allotment given to it" and in the answer to (*a*) it is stated that urgent improvements are being attend to along with the road maintenance work this year. What is the position?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Estimates are being sanctioned and the estimates include the maintenance work of this road also.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will it be taken up this year?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, along with the maintenance work this year, this road will also be taken up.

VETERINARY DOCTORS—MEMORANDUM FROM

222. Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):*

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഉത്തരം പറയുവാൻ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെന്റിലേക്ക ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ.—

(എ) വെറ്ററിനറി ഡോക്ടർമാരുടെ ഒരു അപേക്ഷ അഥവാ ഒരു മെമ്മോറാണ്ടം ഗവൺമെന്റിലേക്ക കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അതിലെ മുഖ്യ ആവശ്യങ്ങളുടെ രത്നചുരുക്കങ്ങളും എന്തെല്ലാം?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(എ) ഉണ്ട്.

(ബി) കന്നുകാലി സംരക്ഷണം അഗ്രികൾച്ചറൽ സെക്ഷനിൽനിന്നും വെറ്ററിനറി സെക്ഷനിലേക്ക് മാറ്റിക്കിട്ടേണമെന്നും, വെറ്ററിനറി ഡോക്ടർമാരുടേയും കമ്പൗണ്ടർമാരുടേയും ശമ്പളം വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കേണമെന്നും ആകുന്നു മെമ്മോറാണ്ടത്തിലെ രത്നചുരുക്കം.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Regarding the first portion—transfer of cattle to the veterinary section—may I know whether any orders have been passed by the Government.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is there any proposal to accept this suggestion?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The whole question is now under the consideration of the Government.

LABOUR—SHORTAGE OF

223. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that the present shortage of labour is a serious defect in the food production-drive; and

(*b*) the measures contemplated, if any, to cure this defect?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*) There is some shortage, but Government do not think it will seriously affect the food production drive.

(*b*) Government will take appropriate measures when found necessary.